

Comments on AO 2011-23



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11/09/2011 09:33 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject RE Super PAC Opinion Request AOR 2011-23

FEC Office of the Commission Secretary,

I want to keep the regulations stating that Super PACs may not coordinate with candidate's campaigns. As I understand the American Crossroads Advisory opinion Request, the organization has plans to sponsor advertisements featuring Members of Congress up for re-election. As they wrote in their original Request,

"The purpose of these advertisements, while focused on current legislative and policy issues, would be to improve the public's perception of the featured Member of Congress in advance of the 2012 campaign season."

I urge the committee to deny the request of AOR 2011-23.

with kind regards,

Louise MacDonald

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(an independent voter with help from the Colbert Super PAC website.)



Russ Derr
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11/09/2011 09:20 AM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>
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Subject AOR 2011-23

To whom it may concern....please note that as a concerned citizen ,I am fully against the above referenced request to your commission..

Russ Derr
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Subject Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Please rule against this faulty logic.

"While these advertisements would be fully coordinated with incumbent Members of Congress facing re-election in 2012, they would presumably not qualify as 'coordinated communications,'."

Thank you,

Jennifer A Yoder

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"The moment we choose love, we begin to move toward freedom." - bell hooks



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11/08/2011 11:41 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov

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Subject Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request (which is AOR 2011-23)

Dear Mr. Secretary, Federal Election Commission:

Please, please do what is presumably in your power to prevent this kind of distortion of our beloved election process. I beg of you.

Sincerely,

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To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject opinion on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Secretary Werth:

It seems utterly wrong to allow groups such as American Crossroads to coordinate with candidates running in an election by running ads intended to "improve public perception" of particular candidates, aligning them with candidate's themes and images.

While what seems clear to any normal American is that our entire electoral system is fundamentally broken, awash in unregulated cash, stifling free speech at every turn, this particular single rule -- trying to prevent cash baskets like Karl Rove's from being dumped directly into candidate's open sweaty hands MUST STAND. Please express an opinion of the following sort: Karl Rove -- No! Down! Sit!

If not that, then please do not grant American Crossroads request!

Sincerely, really,
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To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request (AOR
2011-23)

Dear Secretary Werth:

Like Karl Rove and American Crossroads, I strongly believe that our political offices should be given to the highest bidder. It provides much needed revenue for our government. It also means that our officeholders would be restricted to the most successful citizens, as measured in American dollars.

Moreover, by putting the offices up for auction, we eliminate the middleman and the need for elections. It's an inefficient use of money to buy elections through PACs, Super PACs, and campaign ads. That money could go towards paying off the debt...or whatever our newly "elected" representatives choose to do with it. After all, they paid to play.

This system was good enough for the Roman Empire. It's good enough for the United States of America. Sure, many of the emperors were assassinated soon after purchasing the throne (e.g., Julianus), but that just opens the office for a new bidding war and more revenue. It's win-win.

I'd like to commend you for all the work that the FEC and The Supreme Court of the United States has done towards achieving this dream.

Cheers,
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11/09/2011 12:56 AM

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Subject Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

I, Penny Robinson, endorse the following letter.

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November 6, 2011

Shawn Woodhead Werth
Secretary and Clerk
Federal Election Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Secretary Werth:

Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow submits this letter as a formal comment on the Advisory Opinion Request submitted to the Federal Election Commission on October 12, 2011, and again in a revised version on October 28, 2011 by American Crossroads, an organization led by Republican political consultant and "Mr. November" in the 2012 "Hunks of the Bush Administration" calendar, Karl Rove.

Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow has much in common with American Crossroads. Both are registered "independent-expenditure-only" PACs (a.k.a. "Super PACs") that may accept unlimited contributions from corporations, unions, individuals, and doomsday cults we one day hope to found. Both groups are separately affiliated with prominent 501(c)(4) organizations, Colbert Super PAC SHH and Crossroads GPS, and are strongly committed to doing what is legally possible in America. Both have top strategic thinkers at their core: American Crossroads has Karl Rove, and Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow has a ham loaf wearing wire rimmed glasses.

Because of this shared bond and heritage, Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow has an interest in the Request by American Crossroads.

As we understand the American Crossroads Advisory opinion Request, the organization has plans to sponsor advertisements featuring Members of Congress up for re-election. As they wrote in their original Request,

"The purpose of these advertisements, while focused on current legislative and policy issues, would be to improve the public's perception of the featured Member of Congress in advance of the 2012 campaign season."

Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow could not concur more concurrently. These ads would simply improve public perception of candidates in advance of the campaign. The message is not, "Vote for this great guy," it's merely, "Hey voters! Look at this great guy!"

Clearly, these ads featuring candidates on behalf of candidates would not be candidate ads. As American Crossroads put it, in their original Request,

"While these advertisements would be fully coordinated with incumbent Members of Congress facing re-election in 2012, they would presumably not qualify as 'coordinated communications,'."

Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow agrees that "fully coordinated" ads shouldn't be counted as "coordinated communications." The candidate would merely be appearing as a paid spokesperson, who, coincidentally, is closely aligned with the candidate that he or she also is.

For example, an ad in which the Kool Aid man decries our nation-wide childhood thirst problem would not necessarily be an ad for Kool Aid brand juice drink. That being said, would a tall glass of Kool-Aid solve that thirst problem? To quote one expert: "Oh, yeaahhhh!"

Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow wholly endorses American Crossroads' Request. We hope the Commission is able to begin with the Supreme Court's definition of Non-Coordinated as "expenditures ... made totally independently of the candidate and his campaign" in Buckley v. Valeo, and end up with a ruling that allows outside groups to produce ads with the candidate's cooperation, themes, and message. That will prove to our nation's critics that America is a country that still makes something: strained rationalizations.

Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow believes that Super PACs can and should coordinate with candidates in every sense of that word—except in the legal or biblical sense. In fact, pending the outcome of American Crossroads' Request, Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow plans to coordinate a non-"coordinated" ad with presidential novelty candidate Buddy Roemer. A rough example of which can be found here: www.colbertsuperpac.com/undaunted-nnn-coordination.

It should be clear that there was no collusion with Governor Roemer, as he vehemently opposes and passionately questions the legality of the ad that he agreed to appear in.

If the Commission sees fit to grant these reasonable requests, Americans for a Better Tomorrow will continue to fulfill our promise to never give you up, or let you down, as detailed in our mission statement here:
<http://youtu.be/dQw4w9WgXcQ>

Accordingly, Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow respectfully requests the Commission's timely consideration of American Crossroads' Advisory Opinion Request.

Super Sincerely Yours,

Stephen Colbert
President & Maître D'
Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Inc.



Jason Levin
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11/09/2011 04:38 AM

To Secretary@fec.gov
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Subject RE: AOR 2011-23 I've got Karl's back!

To Whom It May Concern,

I wanted to add my comment with respect to the suggestion that a political candidate could appear in [what is effectively a political ad] without officially coordinating with the ad's creators/sponsors.

This assertion is in line with most of what Karl has said publicly in the past, in that it is unabashedly self serving, and has no foundation in logical thought.

Please tell Karl that despite the ludicrous ease of circumventing current campaign finance regulations, he must (at the very least) **PRETEND** to obey the spirit of the law. Of which his intent would be a grievous infraction.

Respectfully,

Jason Levin
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11/09/2011 06:18 AM

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Subject AOR 2011-23

To the commissioner

I would like, as a taxpaying citizen, to write to you to oppose the above request from Karl Rove's superpac. It is bad enough that pacs and superpacs are allowed to exist. Do not let them work directly with candidates. How much of our government can we really sell?

Regards

Susan Stock

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To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject American Crossroads' Advisory Opinion Request

Federal Election Commission:

It is my opinion that the request by Karl Rove and American Crossroads is an attempt to subvert the spirit and intent of the law. Mr. Rove's PAC must remain independent and avoid any and all coordination of communication.

James Mulligan
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Subject RE:AOR 2011-23

November 9, 2011

Shawn Woodhead Werth
Secretary and Clerk
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Secretary Werth:

I, James Pietrowski, an American Citizen, submit this letter as a formal comment on the Advisory Opinion Request submitted to the Federal Election Commission on October 12, 2011, and again in a revised version on October 28, 2011 by American Crossroads, an organization led by Republican political consultant Karl Rove.

As American Crossroads put it, in their original Request,

"While these advertisements would be fully coordinated with incumbent Members of Congress facing re-election in 2012, they would presumably not qualify as 'coordinated communications,'."

This has to be one of the more ludicrous statements out of the "mouth" of Karl Rove.

Wait, I take that back, he has made quite a few ludicrous statements.

Please, deny this request. Thank You.

Sincerely,

James A. Pietrowski
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Subject Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

November 9, 2011

Shawn Woodhead Werth
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Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Secretary Werth:

I am deeply concerned that Karl Rove's Opinion Request is an intentional scheme to circumvent Federal Election Commission laws. Even if there is a technical loophole allowing this sort of request, it is clearly outside of the spirit and intent of the law.

They said it in their request...the organization has plans to sponsor advertisements featuring Members of Congress up for re-election. As they wrote in their original request, "The purpose of these advertisements, while focused on current legislative and policy issues, would be to improve the public's perception of the featured Member of Congress in advance of the 2012 campaign season." How can that NOT be a candidate ad??? Isn't that what all ads should do??

Please do not waste any taxpayer money on Mr. Rove's ill-intented request. He knows the law and does not need your help in violating it. Instead, you should be hyper-examining his Super Pac in light of his clear intent to get around this law.

Sincerely,

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11/09/2011 10:19 AM

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Subject America Crossroads PAC request

To whom it may concern:

American Crossroads Super PAC is wrong to argue that ads featuring candidates for public office discussing "issues" does not constitute coordination between the PAC and that candidate. A Super PAC ad featuring a candidate in a positive light in any context is an ad for that candidate, plain and simple. Please try somewhat to maintain somewhat some vestige of democracy by not allowing American Crossroad's request in this matter.

Sincerely,
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11/09/2011 10:05 AM

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Subject: Public comment on AOR 2011-23

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Secretary and Clerk
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
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Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Secretary Werth:

I would like to enter my public comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request: AOR 2011-23. I am a middle-class, white male, that reads my news from various sources, and does not currently have cable television or access to broadcast television. I'm worried that the rest of Americans that do have cable or broadcast television aren't getting enough good, reputable information about the candidates in the 24-hour news cycle. I fully support Mr. Rove's desire to spend unlimited quantities of money, in coordination with a chosen candidate(s), to fill the airwaves with the message of American Crossroads and Crossroads GPS. My fellow Americans must learn about the issues through these issues ads. Where else would they possibly be able to learn about them?! There are no other sources of information available besides that square thing that glows and shouts at them, have a heart FEC!

In these dire times with a weakened economy, and a congress that is determined to keep millions out of work to make one man lose his job, I think it's important that these Super PACs be allowed to spend as much money as they possibly can to propagate information regarding their ideal candidates.

Yours truly,

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Subject Disallowing games that defeat the purpose of electoral processes

Dear FEC:

While Stephen Colbert is a comedic genius, he represents those of us who take these matters very, very seriously and his actions are in the tradition of the most loyal and dedicated patriots. But the real jokes are the ludicrous rules that circumvent the effort to limit the influence that self-serving and soulless corporations and equally self-serving and soulless wealthy individuals have on the electoral process.

It's long since time to clean up this fiasco and to get money out of politics. Contrary to what the ideological puppets on the Supreme Court have ruled, money is not speech under any condition and corporations are legal fictions and inanimate tools that have zero capabilities when it comes to making rational and moral decisions about what is best for WE THE PEOPLE. You are paid by US to protect our interests and to ensure the integrity of the electoral process within the confines of Constitutional mandates. That means ruling in cases such as this one that everything possible be done to guarantee that each and every citizen has an equal opportunity to determine who will be elected to office. That means saying absolutely not to people such as Democrat Ben Nelson, or to a retarded Republican frat boy such as KKKarl Rove. Sincerely,

Robert B. Elliott

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Subject AOR-2011-23

Mr. Stephen Colbert expressed my opinion, but with much sharper humor. I would only add to the Commission members that by this point in our history, it should be abundantly clear that we American citizens are getting sick and tired of the hypocrisy and money tied to politics. I would respectfully ask that you do the right thing in regard to Mr. Rove's request and begin to earn back at least the beginnings of some respect for Washington institutions.

Stanley Blostein Ed.D.

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Alice Bartoo
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11/09/2011 05:03 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Karl Rove's request

I'm a supporter of Stephen Colbert's SuperPac, and so glad that he points out the obvious duplicity of Karl Rove's request for permission to display candidates in his SuperPac's 'issue statements'.

Please do not allow this type of 'end run' and attempt to circumvent the spirit of the law.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Alice Bartoo, citizen
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Subject Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion
Request - AOR 2011-23

November 9, 2011

Shawn Woodhead Werth
Secretary and Clerk
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Secretary Werth:

As a citizen of the United States, I wish to express my opinion regarding AOR 2011-23.

I have a degree in Mass Communications, and remember learning the FCC "Rule of 5": 5 Newspapers, 5 Radio Stations, and 5 Television Stations. This was to prevent big money from taking over the media to promote an agenda, assuring all voices are heard. Well, that is no more, and it is clear that the Media is run by only Big Money.

I remember when FTC and the SEC acted as watchdogs to assure that the rights of Small Business are protected, that no Bank or Fiduciary Institution could get so large as to potentially place our country in financial jeopardy. Well, that is no more, and not only are these Money Giants thriving, they are doing it with cash provided by me and everyone else who pays taxes.

The Supreme Court stands as a "Last Line of Defense" to assure that the Constitution is upheld, and that we are a country of "One Man - One Vote." Well, apparently, what took over a century and a Civil War for African Americans to gain citizenship and free speech, Corporations received in under a year, and without legislative intervention.

Money buys elections, and smear campaigns destroy opponents. If you allow a Super PAC to covertly coordinate ads with candidates, then where do we go from here? Maybe we can run elections as an analog to corporate elections, but instead of stock, it could be based on a vote for every dollar a person is worth, that way, we could eliminate the charade of equality in this country and show how elections in the US are run - Money talks, and the more money you have, the louder your voice.

I respectfully request that the FEC deny Rove's request, AOR 2011-23, and take one small, but courageous step, to show that my opinion, and the opinions of people like me, do matter, and should be heard with the same volume as those with large amounts of money.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Subject AOR 2011-23, American Crossroads' Advisory Opinion
Request

11/09/2011 02:14 PM

Shawn Woodhead Werth
Secretary and Clerk
Federal Election Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Secretary Worth,

As a law student and an American I am deeply concerned with the current trend in Federal campaign expenditures in the United States and would ask you clarify the position that *independent* expenditure-only committees may not coordinate with campaigns or candidates. Congress specifically drew distinctions on the limits between independent expenditure-only committees and their direct coordination with candidates. Let us not forget that special privileges and reporting requirements attached to organizations such as American Crossroads. If the FEC allowed such coordination it would dramatically decrease transparency in the U.S. Electoral process.

In answering Question #1 I would ask that you uphold the legislative distinction of "coordinated communication" by deeming these facts involving the persistent presence of a candidate within the advertisement as a "coordinated communication. Further, I ask that you treat such advertisements as *de facto* in-kind distributions. To be clear, the fact that the forthcoming advertisement by American Crossroads featuring incumbent or prospective nominees for federal elections should be deemed illegal coordinated communication between an independent expenditure-only committee and a candidate.

In answering Question #2, where the candidate would refer to his/her opponent *by name*, I would ask that the FEC rule that such advertisements are indeed coordinated communications with a candidate and are specifically an illegal campaign contribution which would subject the candidate and American Crossroads to administrative action by the FEC.

In answering Question #3 I ask that the FEC rule that any advertisements or communication published or unpublished involving American Crossroads fitting the descriptions in Question #1 and Question #2 be deemed a communication for the purposes of any further advertisement involving the same candidate. Coordination between a candidate and an independent expenditure-only committee at one time should not allow the committee to "sit on" the garnered information (or video/audio recording) and use that information in the future. This would be an exception that immediately swallows the rule.

I respectfully request as a concerned citizen that the FEC take care in its decision to make it perfectly clear that the Federal Election Law does not submit to squirming around the rules. Please take heed to the concerns of the legislature, who specifically envisioned the distinction between independent expenditure-only committees and the candidates that embody the issues they support. If a group of politically minded people would like to directly coordinate and support a candidate they are more than welcome to do so under various other legal arrangements and I implore the FEC to make these other, more transparent, legal organizations known to American Crossroads if they choose to engage in coordinated candidate behavior.

Respectfully,

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Jared P. Hollett

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To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject SuperPAC Rules

Not being a polished comedian like Stephen Colbert, I will make this short and to the point but essentially expressing the same concern as Mr. Colbert has about SuperPACS.

In my opinion the Citizens United Ruling of the Supreme Court already gives such unlimited and undisclosed economic power to the wealthy through PACS that the FEC should stop Super PACS from having additional powers. FEC Rules for SuperPACS should not allow essentially additional explicit politicking for candidates by SuperPACS just as long as it's uncoordinated with the campaign of the particular politician. SuperPACS should stick to issues and not support candidates. This new form of PAC is simply trying to get around the rules established for original PACS, which keep interest groups' advertising separate from candidate support.

I support giving the wealthy PAC donors as little non-transparent power as possible. The Supreme Court has already given them altogether too much power to effect elections in this country! Keep SuperPacs regulated and confined to support for issues only.

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11/09/2011 01:47 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Super PACs

Hello FEC,

Corporations are not people.
The corrupting influence of corporate money on our political leaders
is dividing our country.
Super PACs should not be legal.
At the very least there should be full transparency as to who gives
money to who and for what cause.

We should reform the current system of running for a government office
job.

Reform it so that all candidates are able to focus on ideas and
solutions to our problems and not have to focus on making money and
befriending special interests with deep pockets (fundraising).

God bless America.

thank you for your time,
-Erik Engstrom
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Subject Public comment on Opinion Request AOR 2011-23

November 9, 2011

Shawn Woodhead Werth
Secretary and Clerk
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Secretary Werth:

I ask that you not approve the request of American Crossroads, and that Super PACs should not be allowed to have any coordination, of any form, with any political candidate, period. It's bad enough that this great country allows the wealthy to have such undo influence in our electoral process, I ask that you not let it get any worse.

Thank you,

John Etherton
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Subject Re: Give Karl Rove NOTHING!

Hello Bureaucrats;

Give Karl Rove nothing!!!

But if you insist, how about a mutli-count criminal indictment for war crimes?

Respectfully submitted;

John W. Byler

Des Moines, IA

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KEITH DENNING
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11/09/2011 12:01 PM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>
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Subject Super money

Dear Sir or Madam,
Stop Karl Rove and others who would influence the political process even more
than they do now. Do not let them support candidates directly in any way.

Thanks

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Sent from my iPhone



Brian Brinkley
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11/08/2011 09:45 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject AOR 2011-23 Public Comment

I am a concerned citizen who would like to weigh in with my opinion about Super PACs coordinating with candidates. Please, please do not allow this to go through.

This will make it harder than ever for a real change and honest debate to go on in our american politics.

The money involved already slants the playing field. Please do not allow coordination with candidates and their campaign's.

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Zach Gitlin
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11/08/2011 09:57 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject AOR 2011-23

Dear Secretary,

I am writing to ask that your decision states that there is no direct interaction between super PACs and candidates. Also that interaction and coordination include direct mentioning of any candidate or their opponent.

Zachary Gitlin

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"Dale Shartsis"
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Subject Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

November 8, 2011

Shawn Woodhead Werth
Secretary and Clerk
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Secretary Werth:

Respectfully, coordinating is coordinating.....

Introducing some great members of congress you wish you could legally coordinate with but can't because of the part of the law you are using to raise unaccountable millions of dollars —is still coordinating with a candidates campaign to get their message out.

I think this attempt to get around the letter and spirit law is still just more of **American Crossroads** trying to have it both ways, inappropriately. You do not need to know the 'definition of 'is' to understand this IS an attempt to exceed the restrictions of the option that allows this law to exist.

As a person representing no one other than myself, I urge you to view this request seriously and give it a completely fair consideration before you reject it completely, trying to keep a straight face at such a laughable notion.

Yours truly,

Dale L. Shartsis

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Kevin Conroy
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11/09/2011 07:02 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Fwd: Profiles In Undaunted Non-Coordination

Dear Sir or Madam:

I wish to submit my comments on AOR 2011-23. I hope that Steven Colbert's over-the-top sarcasm does not prevent the FEC from recognizing the unreasonable limits that Mr. Rove and others are pushing with Super PACs. Being independent organizations, their ads should be forced to be the same - fully independent and uncoordinated from the candidate's campaign. Otherwise, the only thing we've created with campaign finance reforms is a shell game where the funds go to Super PACs rather than candidates directly.

Please uphold the spirit of the law and provide a clear interpretation.

Thank you,

Kevin Conroy

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Montgomery Village, MD 20086

kevinconroy@gmail.com

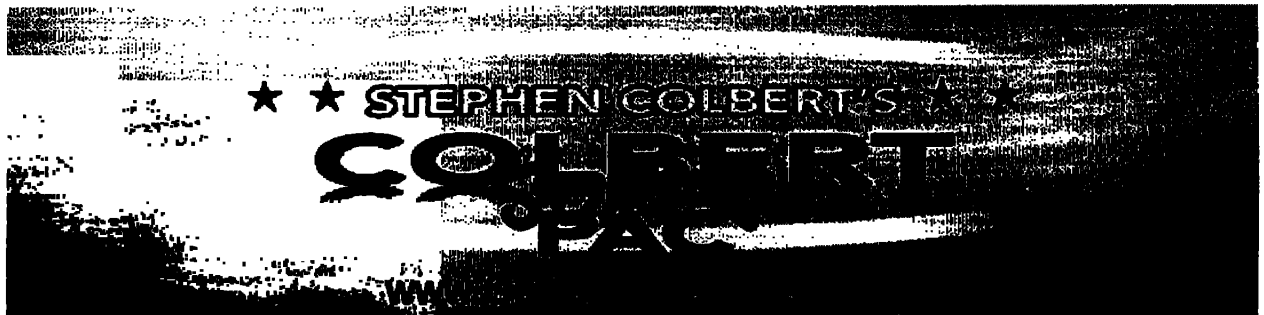
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From: Colbert Super PAC <info@colbertsuperpac.com>

Date: Tue, Nov 8, 2011 at 9:32 PM

Subject: Profiles In Undaunted Non-Coordination

To: kevinconroy@gmail.com



Dear Colbert Super PAC Members (and semi-sentient spam-bots),

It's a bright day on the shadowy edge of American politics.

Yesterday, I was paid a visit by Trevor Potter, Esq. As you know, if you have been collecting the Official Colbert Super PAC Trading Cards know, Trevor was not only

the former head of the F.E.C. and chief counsel to the McCain 2008 campaign, but he's also my personal lawyer*. Not to mention, someone I am proud to pay for the honor of calling my friend.

Together, we drafted an official Public Comment in support of American Crossroads' Advisory Opinion Request to the Federal Election Commission.

I'll let that sink in. It may take a bit, because you have no idea what I'm talking about. The full fiduciary details were laid bare in last night's show, but for those of you lacking the energy to click [here for part one](#) and [here for part two](#), here's the gist:

As free as Super PACs are to raise and spend unlimited amounts of money, they are still unfairly shackled by regulation. Notice I used the singular. That's because there is really only one rule that binds Super PACs: that they may not coordinate with candidates' campaigns. But what fun is buying somebody an election if you have no elected official to share the moment with?

America Crossroads' Karl Rove saw through this sham of a charade – or “*shamrade*”™ – and petitioned the F.E.C. to clarify exactly what the law is, so he can carefully obey only the letter of it. We at Colbert Super PAC submitted the attached Public Comment to the Federal Election Commission in a show of non-coordinated, non-consensual support.

Incidentally, you might be interested in knowing that any person, be they corporate or biological, can submit their Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request (which is AOR 2011-23) by writing to Office of the Commission Secretary's email address (which is Secretary@FEC.gov).

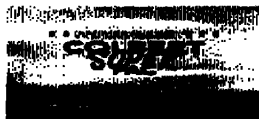
We hope you'll join us at Colbert Super PAC in letting Karl Rove know: We've got your back. Because we're looking over your shoulder.

Excelsior!

Stephen Colbert
President and Junior Legal Counsel
Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow

* If you are playing the Colbert Super PAC Trading Card Fantasy/Strategy Card Game, remember that Trevor gains a +4 defense against all frost-based creatures (including the dreaded Ice Dragon!)

Enclosure:



Americans For A Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow

November 6, 2011

Shawn Woodhead Werth

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Molly Davies
<mollyandmark@gmail.com>
11/09/2011 07:44 AM

To Secretary@fec.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Please deny Opinion Request AOR 2011-23

Dear Commission Secretary,

I am writing to ask you to please turn down opinion request AOR 2011-23. This request completely goes against the only rule Super Pac's have to follow, that they may not coordinate with candidates' campaigns. It goes against it to the point that it is insulting and ridiculous that this request has even been submitted. It is a waste of time and money and should not be considered for one minute.

Right in the text of the request the organization making the request, American Crossroads Advisory, admits that they would be coordinating with candidate's campaigns.

"While these advertisements would be fully coordinated with incumbent Members of Congress facing re-election in 2012, they would presumably not qualify as 'coordinated communications,'."

They don't qualify as coordinated communications? Why not? Just replace the word "advertisements" with

"communications", because that's what advertisements are, and right there, in that statement, are the grounds

to deny this request. The fact that American Crossroads Advisory and their leader, Karl Rove, had the gall to

even make this request shows that these organizations need more regulation and more rules to police their actions.

This group has the audacity to request that they not be made to follow the only rule they're asked to follow!

So please, in this time of polarity and social unrest where Americans are tired of hearing about those who don't have to follow the rules, deny this request and show the American people that rules are made for a reason and everyone, even Karl Rove, needs to follow them.

Thank you for your time.

Molly Davies

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Dallas, PA 18612
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A November
<anovember@gmail.com>
11/09/2011 11:09 AM

To Secretary@fec.gov
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Subject AOR 2011-23

Mr. Secretary,

The petition by American Crossroads, AOR 2011-23, to clarify if full coordination with members of congress would be considered a "coordinated campaign" is ludicrous. The fact that we now have anonymous donors officially sanctioned in our politics is bad enough, but to allow these "super-PACs" unlimited money and coordination with specific candidates would be criminal.

Please reject his request. There should also be penalties for the Nebraska Democratic Party for their "non-coordinated" coordination with Senator Ben Nelson.

Money in politics is the reason the country is in the shape it is today. Please do not make it worse.

Sincerely,

Adam November

[REDACTED] Peckerwoods Road

Kentwood, LA 70444

[REDACTED]



"Paul & Cecily Medved"
<pcmedved@gmail.com>
11/08/2011 10:13 PM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject AOR 2011-23

Help stop the madness, please! Tear it up and send it back to them along with a photo of Ham Rove.

Paul Medved
Justin Circle
Alameda, CA 94502



Mark Friedman
<markatfpsi@gmail.com>
11/08/2011 10:10 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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bcc
Subject Reject Rove

Enough already!!!
Stop the steady erosion of our political system.
Reject Rove.

Mark Friedman
[REDACTED] Herrada Rd
Santa Fe, NM 87508



"Mark Siepker"
<tram_man@cox.net>
11/09/2011 07:13 AM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>
cc
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Subject Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request (AOR
2011-23)

As an average guy on main street, I'm more disappointed than ever at the ability of wealthy interests to control the political process. Super PACs and their ability to buy "issue ads" unequivocally equates to big money spending whatever amounts they want to on whatever purposes and candidates they choose. No wonder so many American citizens are disillusioned with the political process.

Karl Rove's request should be denied.

I understand that you must apply the misguided laws and the interpretations of the courts in your duties as the F.E.C. However, wherever there is room for judgment, please rule in favor of the vast majority of American who love democracy as richly as anyone else, but do not have the resources to enrich those who can alter the course of democracy.

Respectfully,
Mark Siepker
[REDACTED] Adams St.
Omaha, NE 68135



Laura Chilcoat
<lcj1223@gmail.com>
11/09/2011 11:43 AM

To Secretary@fec.gov
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Subject Super Pac Coordinated Ads - Karl Rove's Opinion Request

Secretary Werth and FEC Members:

As a voting American without SuperPac funds I urge you to reject the idea that candidates for office can appear in "non-coordinated" policy ads funded by ANY Super Pac. It is ridiculous to have a few wealthy interests controlling the American political system through the use of advertising and if you rule that this is permitted it is just one step further toward corporate interests running everything we do and highlights the fact that the only thing that matters anymore in politics in this country is what special interests want, not what small business owners like me need to keep this country moving.

Please do not allow these ads to run. It is ridiculous.

Laura Chilcoat, CDPE

Broker / Owner

RE/MAX Executive at the Lake

[REDACTED]



"Carole Howey"
<carole.howe@comcast.net
>

11/09/2011 07:58 AM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>

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bcc

Subject AOR 2011-23

If American Crossroads is granted this exception, any illusion of campaign transparency that still exists in the United States will be completely obliterated. Protect the voting public from this special-interest boondoggle and deny AC and every other Super PAC the opportunity to further rig our electoral system.

Carole M. Howey
██████ Oakfield Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19115



<Andrew.McGavin@CH2M.com>

11/09/2011 11:26 AM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>

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Subject Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request (AOR 2011-23)

Re American Crossroads' request to treat coordinated candidate ads as if they were neither, please exercise a little common sense and preserve the purpose of the current regulation. Advertisements that are "fully coordinated with incumbent Members of Congress facing re-election in 2012" are clearly coordinated communications, and ads whose purpose is to "improve the public's perception of the featured Member of Congress" are clearly ads for that candidate.

Issues are concepts, not people (even if corporations apparently are).
Thank you for your consideration.

Andrew McGavin
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[REDACTED]



"Rick Brown"
<rick.brown@hunsicker.org>

11/09/2011 07:59 AM

Please respond to
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To <Secretary@FEC.gov>

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Subject AOR 2011-23

Commission Members and
Shawn Woodhead Werth
Secretary and Clerk
Federal Election Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20463

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Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Brown, President
Degenerate Americans Supporting Special Interest Big Money Mind Control, aka
American Crossroads Insane Ideas

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revenue is vanity, profit is sanity, cash is reality

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Mike Tikkanen Packard
Acquisitions
<mike@packardacquisitions.com>

11/09/2011 08:21 AM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>
cc
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Subject Doing Your Job

Dear Secretary of the FEC,

For the sake of all Americans & others around the world, please enforce the laws you are chartered to oversee.

Allowing corporations (superpacs) to twist public policy through blatant infractions is doing real and permanent harm to the people and government of this nation.

Best wishes,

Citizen Mike Tikkanen

Mike@PackardGroup.com
www.PackardGroup.com

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C: [REDACTED]

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"Sandra L Rowland"
<empres63@comcast.net>
11/09/2011 12:14 PM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>
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Subject Super Pac's

Please do not allow Super Pac's to coordinate with candidates' campaigns.
Sandra L Rowland
[REDACTED]
Byhalia, MS 38611



"Erica Monfils"
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11/09/2011 12:03 PM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>
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Subject American Crossroads Request

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Sincerely,
Erica Monfils
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Warwick, RI 02889



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Ms. Dieu Ha



Dan Theodore
<dan.theodore@gmail.com>
11/09/2011 08:01 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Illegal coordination of PAC money with Candidates

To whom it may concern:

I am deeply concerned with the continuing and even accelerating weakening of political campaign finance limits.

Admittedly, some things (e.g., the Supreme Court) are outside of the authority of the Federal Election Commission, but it is up to you to prevent a clear violation of the letter and spirit of campaign finance reform legislation.

Specifically, I am addressing a pending petition by America Crossroads and its founder Karl Rove. I ask that you NOT APPROVE his request to allow PACs to coordinate with candidates' campaigns. Taking from the name of that PAC, American democracy is at a crossroads where the apparent influence wielded on our system of government by large amounts of money has brought us to a crisis. The citizens of the U.S. are cynical and scared. They fear that our representatives selling them out and seem unwilling to compromise because they honor their obligations to influential donors more than their duty to the nation. And the massive volume of "issue" advertising and campaign commercials overwhelm the ability of the voters to analyze facts or make any rational comparison.

On one hand, the regular debate, while often filled with non-issues and personality disputes, allows many voters to hear the contrasting and unfiltered words of the candidates. That is a big improvement the many years between Kennedy and Ford when no debates took place. However, the growing link between fundraising and lobbying, and the connection between the congressional staffs and the payrolls of lobbyists, are a runaway train, threatening the freedoms and rights of the people. The FEC is obligated use its authority to reverse this trend and protect the principle of one-man-one-vote from one-dollar-one-vote.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

-Dan Theodore
Lakeview Ave
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567



"Lyn"
<Lynbrumbaugh@comcast.net>

11/10/2011 01:02 AM

Please respond to
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To <Secretary@FEC.gov>
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Subject AOR 2011-23)

Re: AOR 2011-23) How much more ethically impaired can the system become?
Politicians don't even bother trying to hide this stuff behind closed doors anymore. I am 65 years old and I thought I could no longer be disappointed by this stuff. Apparently I was mistaken. Please do not allow this to happen.

Lyn Brumbaugh
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Palmyra, VA 22963



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<zapperjohn@yahoo.com>

11/10/2011 06:42 AM

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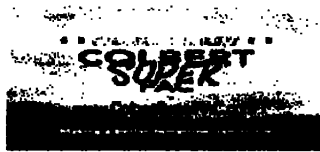
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As a totally human American person and not a corporate entity (a.La. Citizen as now define by the Supreme Court), I agree with the following statement.

John Spataro

████ Davis Mill Road

Rocky Mount, Virginia 24151



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Subject Public Comment on American Crossroads AOR 2011-23

Dear Secretary Werth:

I have read the advisory opinion request from American Crossroads, regarding the financing and distribution of political action committee advertisements containing incumbent officials up for re-election in 2012. I find this proposal to be the most offensive notion since the ruling on *Citizens United* and, as a voting citizen in this country, I feel obliged to speak against it.

I am rarely outspoken in politics, but I strongly believe that many of the complaints that have arisen lately (Occupy Wall Street, as an example) are products of an American sentiment of ineffectiveness, of helplessness. One thing that will worsen that feeling of helplessness is the unlimited, undisclosed outside corporate financing of candidates by PACs, increasing the disparity between what the American majority wants and what ends up in the legislative and executive branches.

Please make the decision to disallow American Crossroads from using candidates' likenesses, voices and election messages in their advertisements. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Dylan Riley

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Honors B.Sc., Finance & Marketing
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"Barbara Voss"
<bvoss@stanford.edu>
11/09/2011 10:21 PM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>
cc
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Subject Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request (AOR
2011-23)

To the Federal Election Commission -
I urge you to deny Karl Rove's request (AOR 2011-23) for approval to
classify PAC-funded advertisements that are coordinated with candidates as
NOT being coordinated communications.

Thank you

--Barb Voss

Affiliation provided for identification purposes only.

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scott imholt
<scottimholt@gmail.com>

11/09/2011 08:18 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject AOR 2011-23

Dear Sir,

Please clarify the law for the request AOR 2011-23 in a way that meets the intent of the law.

There should be no co-ordination between the super pacs and candidates. And just so you know, in my opinion corporations are not people and should not be treated as such.

Thank you for your time.

Scott Imholt

[Redacted signature]



Frank Oleksy
<frankoleksy@hotmail.com>
11/09/2011 08:17 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
cc
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Subject AOR 2011-23

Sirs

Does the argument that a SuperPac Ad is not coordinated but is coordinated sound as absurd to you as it does to me?

If so please rule on Karl Roves AOR 2011-23 in a manner that makes sense to all of us.

Thank you.

Frank Oleksy
Quince lane
Suffern, NY 10901



Evelyn Boettcher
<evelyn.boettcher@gmail.com>

11/09/2011 08:09 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject AOR 2011-23

Dear FEC,

I am troubled by lack of regulation and openness that Super-Pacs currently enjoy. To expand their ability to coordinate with candidate(s) for advertisements seems troubling for a democratic process. Please do not allow Super-Pacs to coordinate with candidates. IE as in the American Crossroads original request, "While these advertisements would be fully coordinated with incumbent Members of Congress facing re-election in 2012, they would presumably not qualify as 'coordinated communications,'."

Please deny American Crossroads (AOR 2011-23) request.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Boettcher
[REDACTED] Greenmount Blvd
Dayton, OH 45419



Nancy Stallard
<nanze56@q.com>
11/09/2011 07:19 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Karl Rove Opinion

I would like to make my public comment on the Karl Rove Opinion Request, AOR 2100-23. I believe it should be denied as it seeks to make a mockery of the electoral system. Please do not pass this request.

Nancy Stallard
[REDACTED] Ha Wa Si [REDACTED]
Black Canyon City, AZ 85324



Paul Tilyou
<paultilyou@msn.com>
11/09/2011 10:36 PM

To <secretary@fec.gov>
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Subject AOR 2011-23

To Whom It May Concern,

11/9/11

"Money is free speech," and "Corporations are people." Most elections are won by those raising the most money. The U.S. ranks 18th in education rankings. Please continue this trend of giving more influence in our elections to those smart enough to make or raise money to exploit the ignorance of our general populace by removing the shackles on our SuperPacs.

Thank you,

Paul Tilyou

██████ Virginia Ave.

Prescott, AZ 86303



Johanna Wall
<johanna.wall@gmail.com>

11/09/2011 06:14 PM

To Secretary@fec.gov

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Subject AOR 2011-23 is sketchy!

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a voting citizen of the United States of America, and I want ask you to not allow AOR 2011-23 to open the door for Super PACs to coordinate with candidates. I could bore you with an angry rant about the corrosive influence of money in politics, focusing on recent Supreme Court decisions, etc., etc. I could talk about my disdain for American Crossroads and Americans for Prosperity, and how angry it makes me when people spend so much time and money finding simplistit, frivolous minutiae to distract from things that we can't afford not to address.

But I won't, I promise. Instead I'm just going to appeal to your sense of... I don't know? Community? Patriotism? Common sense? Just please don't let Karl Rove somehow convince you that he can coordinate with a candidate without coordinating with candidates, because that is just really stupid.

Thank you for your time, and have a nice rest of the week!

- Jwall

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Johanna Wall

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Lynda Walker <yaadee@sbcglobel.net>
11/12/2011 05:31 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject

It is an insult to the american voters that Carl Rove would even attempt the insanity of AOR 2011-23. Please do not let this pass.
Lynda Walker



Arron Turnbull <atbull86@yahoo.com>

11/10/2011 02:30 PM

Please respond to
Arron Turnbull
<atbull86@yahoo.com>

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>

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Subject Public Comment In opposition of American Crossroads' Advisory Opinion Request

To whom it may concern,

co-or-di-nate /ko'ôrdn-at/

Verb: **Bring the different elements of (a complex activity or organization) into a relationship that will ensure efficiency or harmony.**

This is my formal letter to the FEC in opposition of American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request on coordinating candidates with "issues".

In a time when common sense is absent in our government I implore you to make the right decision and deny this request/motion.

Regards,

Arron Turnbull
Los Angeles, CA



Blue Cross
<fecfan@rocketmail.com>

11/13/2011 06:26 PM

Please respond to
Blue Cross
<fecfan@rocketmail.com>

To "secretary@fec.gov" <secretary@fec.gov>

cc

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Subject Comment Re: AOR 2011-23

FEC's Advisory Opinions rock!

You should issue an Advisory Opinion regarding advertisements like they have in Russia and Spain. That's the kind of "coordinated activity" that everyone enjoys.

Very truly yours,

FEC Fan



mphlibin98 <mphlibin98@bellsouth.net>
11/09/2011 12:06 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov

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Subject Super Pacs

Are you seriously considering Karl Rove's assertion that candidates appearing in Super Pac ads highlighting their views on issues is not coordinated communication?!

Really?!

So if there is no coordination I guess it's just a coincidence that the candidate was in a studio at the time the pac was filming an ad... and even more astonishing the candidate read the pacs script while the camera was rolling without coordinating the filming of a political ad.

Since super pacs are funded by un-named people (aka corporations) isn't this considered a purchase of a candidate? Isn't this exactly what occupy wall st is arguing has happened to politics?

Stop the purchase of congress by corporations and give congress back to the people as a whole.



Julius Fazekas <phriendly1@yahoo.com>
11/09/2011 07:25 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Formal Comment on Opinion Request

Dear Secretary Werth:

I, Julius Fazekas, a private voting individual, submit this letter as a formal comment on the Advisory Opinion Request submitted to the Federal Election Commission on October 12, 2011, and again in a revised version on October 28, 2011 by American Crossroads.

It has always been in the best interest of the people of the United States of America to have unlimited and uncoordinated finances available to influence our national elections.

Special interests always consider the diverse nature of our country. They provide a voice for those who are generally ignored, for a good reason, and endeavor to make a radical generalized and divisive view mainstream.

The lack of accountability and deceptiveness of the advertising generated from such groups is in the best tradition of our Founding Fathers and the foundation on which our Country was allegedly built.

Please do allow another method to further wrap true defenders of America in the flag, so we do not have to see what truly lies beneath.

Respectfully,

Julius Fazekas



SCB <renartglass@sbcglobal.net>

11/09/2011 10:36 AM

Please respond to

renartglass@sbcglobal.net

To secretary@FEC.gov

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Subject

I would also like a timely consideration of American crossroads advisory opinion. Thus, this national embarrassment can more fully reveal itself to international rebuke. And Colbert SuperPac will have even more power to ridicule the campaign finance process.
S. Balice



Tom Baldwin <gonetoutah@yahoo.com>
11/09/2011 04:19 PM

To: Secretary@FEC.gov
cc:
bcc:
Subject: American Crossroads' Request

I want to urge you deny American Crossroad's request to loosen the rules and allow them to coordinate with candidates. This is clearly not the inter of the enabling legislation.

Tom Baldwin



Tiffany English <tiffanyenglish96@yahoo.com>

To Secretary@FEC.gov

11/09/2011 10:15 AM

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Subject American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Good morning,

I recently became aware of the American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request to allow SuperPACs to fund advertisements to "improve the public's perception of the featured Member of Congress in advance of the 2012 campaign season." I believe that allowing this action would completely contradict the recent Supreme Court ruling and I hope that you will not allow it.

Best regards,
Tiffany English



Mellisa Ingraham
<mellisaingraham@yahoo.com>

11/09/2011 02:42 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov

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Subject Support Americans for a better tomorrow tomorrow Request

Please- by all means allow American Crossroads and Karl Rove to BUY our elections, it will be a pleasure to see Americans for a Better Tomorrow Tomorrow mock the political system that our founding fathers gave us with their right to free speech that is bought and paid for by corporate donors

Our political leaders are already the lowest common denominator because the best and the brightest people for the job will never be able to run unless they are willing to sell their souls. Our political candidates on both sides are the bottom of the barrel. So please support the broken system, by allowing Karl Rove to use loop holes to break it beyond repair.

Facetiously Yours,

Mellisa Ingraham

Proud Donor to Americans For A Better Tomorrow Tomorrow
Proud Member of Daughters of the American Revolution, Rainier Chapter



Melissa Ingraham
<melissaingraham@yahoo.com>

11/09/2011 02:47 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov

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Subject Regarding AOR 2011-23

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Melissa Ingraham

Proud Donor to Americans For A Better Tomorrow Tomorrow

Proud Member of Daughters of the American Revolution, Rainier Chapter



Giovanni diviacchi
<hello.giovanni@gmail.com>
11/13/2011 09:35 PM

To Secretary@fec.gov
cc
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Subject Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request (AOR
2011-23)

Dear Commission Secretary,

I would like to write you in support of Karl Rove's American Crossroads' petition to request clarification on the law governing Super PACs.

He deserves to know how he can spend his money before the next national election.

Thank You

Giovanni



ronate@comcast.net

11/13/2011 07:59 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov

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Subject Superpac Rules

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to submit a Public Comment in opposition to the American Crossroads' Advisory Opinion Request to the Federal Election Commission. There should be no bending of the one rule that separates political action committees that work directly for candidates campaigns and those that are "SuperPacs" which exercise free speech specifically for "non-candidate" ideas and information. Free speech is great when the expressions and sentiments are for what Americans (people not corporations) believe in.

In contrast, a back door attempt to have SuperPacs "express" themselves on behalf of candidates runs the risk of these entities defining candidates political planks with or without their permission or consent. In other words, if the rules were bent to allow candidates to become part of a SuperPacs "expression" a candidate can be defined for better or worse by persons and interests groups beyond their control. I do not believe our various forms of media are examined close enough to stop lies and half-truths from being promoted as fact. I thought the FEC and FCC had some obligation to protect the public from classic mis-information passed off as news or fact. I also thought the idea was that tax paying w/e American owned the air & cableways and that corporations were subject to rules designed for the collective good, not narrow benefit. Please keep the Superpacs from speaking for candidates and let the candidates and their published supporters decide their own forms of expression.

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

R. Raad Onate
Fairfield, CA



Richard Kirchdoerfer
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11/13/2011 10:26 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Karl Rove's Opinion Request

We do not support Karl Rove



"Shirley Sheldon"
<shirleyannshelden@hotmail.com>

11/13/2011 06:56 AM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>

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Subject Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request (AOR 2011-23)

Karl Rove's Opinion request is a blatant attempt to circumvent the law. Please do not approve his request.

**Thank you,
Shirley Ann Sheldon**



Brandon Ducharme
<deepsouthink@gmail.com>
11/12/2011 11:08 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Regarding AOR 2011-23

I would like to preface this by stating that I understand there are many ways of looking at this issue, and that I am far from well versed all of those. I am a relative newcomer to this, though I still have, as many do, an internal sense which guides my understanding of what is fair from what is unfair, what is right from what is wrong, and what is just from what is unjust. It is with this sense that I am responding.

As the United States has swayed between being somewhat more liberal or somewhat more conservative, I have seen and heard many reactions from my friends and acquaintances. I remember my in my last election threatened to move to Canada if John McCain was elected President based solely on the political novelty act that had been selected to run alongside him. Despite the serious intent they claimed to demonstrate, I did not believe them. I have heard similar claims from many people, sometimes even the same people, in the prior two elections.

While I was certainly able to understand their sentiment, I could never bring myself to agree that relocating would be preferable. This is because I do enjoy many of the freedoms granted to us by Constitution, and by and large I find the American system of laws that I encounter on a daily basis makes sense. While there may be many more laws which I find vexing or even outright senseless, I accept that from time to time mistakes will be made, not only by the ruling bureaucracy, but also by myself as I interpret and understand not only our laws but the situations which give rise to them. However, I feel that there is a problem in our system which I would like to see corrected.

I do not know that the Federal Election Commission has the power to fix the entire system. Truthfully I find such a notion to be idealistically naive. The F.E.C. is poised though to make a powerful interpretation of regulation regarding Super PACs. My opinion of the issue in a broad sense is that we already operate within a system which allows each of us to acquire, if we can, wealth in greater amounts than others. This wealth, even if we were operating only within a barter system, grants us power. This power may be spent as we see fit, and as such I fail to see how this power, or these resources, do not, at least potentially, grant those with more power a greater voice in politics than those with less.

Without delving into a tangent about the Electoral College I feel it is safe to say that each vote carries equal weight in our country, and that this would seem, on the face of it, to serve to correct the bias of this distribution of resources. This, to me, is fair, just, and the foundation of a successful democracy. However, it is clear that the issue of votes and their weight is not all that is involved in the democratic process. There is a human element as well. This element is fickle and given to many flaws in its innate abilities to reason as the social sciences have continually demonstrated.

As a society in the information age, we are encountering many issues which may have seemed utterly foreign, if not inconceivable by our Founding Fathers, or even the philosophers who influenced them. It is arguable that media, or the social effects thereof are one of those. I feel it is safe to assume, without a lot of ink being spilled in the purpose of proving this point that campaign ads matter. I would argue that this is true, if only based on the massive amounts of money and resources spent in their production and promotion.

Here we see the connection between money or resources and something quite concrete which helps a candidate get elected. It is quite arguable that the system of Capitalism does not work if we don't allow people to "win" at the game, and gain rewards for their efforts. I do not dispute this point. It is also arguable though that if we allow these "winnings" to be redistributed into the ruling bureaucracy in order to maximize future winnings, that we are no longer in a democracy.

I care about what is right and what is wrong, what is fair and what is unfair, and what is just and what is unjust. To me, it is not just if we allow a system which is founded on equality to give unequal weight to one side. It is not fair if we allow those who have been fortunate through whatever means, to have a greater say in what happens than those with less. It is not right if we see this occurring and either do nothing, or work to promote it, especially while claiming it is in the name of justice and equality.

It is with all of this in mind that I would encourage you to consider a strict interpretation of AOR 2011-23. I am worried about the influence of money in American politics, and I feel that we ought to be doing everything we can to ensure an equal voice for all, even if that comes at the price of certain economic freedoms.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Brandon Ducharme



Mary Patroulis
<marypatroulis@hotmail.com>
>

11/11/2011 12:55 PM

To <secretary@fec.gov>
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Subject Comment on AOR 2011-23

Dear Secretary:

I urge you to deny Karl Rove's request (AOR 2011-23) to buy our elections. To grant this request would be to completely destroy our great democratic system, which has already been dangerously crippled by the creation of SuperPACs. To allow corporations to so unfairly manipulate election outcomes undermines the values on which this nation was founded. Do not allow such power to the very corporations which have brought us to the precipice of economic ruin.

Sincerely,

Mary Patroulis
Manlius, NY



William Black
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11/11/2011 05:57 AM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>
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bcc
Subject AOR 2011-23

Dear sirs and madams:

Please take seriously the fact that the current election rules are leading the process into the toilet. Rather than approaching these questions as a game of word interpretation, I would ask that you apply common sense and ask if these rules favor democracy based on the principles the country was founded on or a return to a political system where a small number of rich and powerful people control the government.

Clearly the ability to use large amounts of money to sway opinion is not desirable, as it tends to be used to benefit only those in power. I am suggesting that super PACs be clearly limited from supporting candidates directly, indirectly, coordinated or otherwise.

Sincerely,

William M. Black



cbrazil333@aol.com
11/11/2011 09:49 PM

To **Secretary@FEC.gov**
cc
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Subject **opinion request**

Friends in Government...
Please do your best... Karl Rove deserves... well, .. to be among the unemployed.
Thanks for your public service.
Camy Condon
voter in New Mexico

Camy Condon



Jim Flynn
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11/11/2011 05:50 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Formal Comment on Advisory Opinion Request submitted by American Crossroads

November 6, 2011

Shawn Woodhead Werth
Secretary and Clerk
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Secretary Werth:

I submit this letter as a formal comment on the Advisory OpinionRequest submitted to the Federal Election Commission on October 12, 2011, and again in a revised version on October 28, 2011 by American Crossroads ,an organization led by Republican political consultant Karl Rove. You can have anything you want but you better not take it from me...

Ah, who am I kidding? Stephen Colbert led me to write this because the ham is right, and so is Ham Revd. Welcome to the jungle, baby.



<dhayden44@msn.com>

11/12/2011 02:30 AM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>

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Subject Karl Rove's 2011-23

This is redolent of purest sophistry and cynical manipulation of the process.

Donna Hayden



Scott Doremus
<ledzepp284@gmail.com>
11/10/2011 11:46 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Americans For A Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow

November 6, 2011

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Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow has much in common with American Crossroads. Both are registered "independent-expenditure-only" PACs (a.k.a. "Super PACs") that may accept unlimited contributions from corporations, unions, individuals, and doomsday cults we one day hope to found. Both groups are separately affiliated with prominent 501(c)(4) organizations, Colbert Super PAC SHH and Crossroads GPS, and are strongly committed to doing what is legally possible in America. Both have top strategic thinkers at their core: American Crossroads has Karl Rove, and Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow has a ham loaf wearing wire rimmed glasses.

Because of this shared bond and heritage, Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow has an interest in the Request by American Crossroads.

As we understand the American Crossroads Advisory opinion Request, the organization has plans to sponsor advertisements featuring Members of Congress up for re-election. As they wrote in their original Request,

"The purpose of these advertisements, while focused on current legislative and policy issues, would be to improve the public's perception of the featured Member of Congress in advance of the 2012 campaign season."

Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow could not concur more concurrently. These ads would simply improve public perception of candidates in advance of the campaign. The message is not, "Vote for this great guy," it's merely, "Hey voters! Look at this great guy!"

Clearly, these ads featuring candidates on behalf of candidates would not be candidate ads. As American Crossroads put it, in their original Request,

"While these advertisements would be fully coordinated with incumbent Members of Congress facing re-election in 2012, they would presumably not qualify as 'coordinated communications,'."

Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow agrees that "fully coordinated" ads shouldn't be counted as "coordinated communications." The candidate would merely be appearing as a paid spokesperson, who, coincidentally, is closely aligned with the candidate that he or she also is.

For example, an ad in which the Kool Aid man decries our nation-wide childhood thirst problem would not necessarily be an ad for Kool Aid brand juice drink. That being said, would a tall glass of Kool-Aid solve that thirst problem? To quote one expert: "Oh, yeaahhhh!"

Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow wholly endorses American Crossroads' Request. We hope the Commission is able to begin with the Supreme Court's definition of Non-Coordinated as "expenditures ... made totally independently of the candidate and his campaign" in Buckley v. Valeo, and end up with a ruling that allows outside groups to produce ads with the candidate's cooperation, themes, and message. That will prove to our nation's critics that America is a country that still makes something: strained rationalizations.

Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow believes that Super PACs can and should coordinate with candidates in every sense of that word—except in the legal or biblical sense. In fact, pending the outcome of American Crossroads' Request, Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow plans to coordinate a non-"coordinated" ad with presidential novelty candidate Buddy Roemer. A rough example of which can be found here: www.colbertsuperpao.com/undaunted-non-coordination.

It should be clear that there was no collusion with Governor Roemer, as he vehemently opposes and passionately questions the legality of the ad that he agreed to appear in.

If the Commission sees fit to grant these reasonable requests, Americans for a Better Tomorrow will continue to fulfill our promise to never give you up, or let you down, as detailed in our mission statement here:
<http://youtu.be/dQw4w9WgXcQ>

Accordingly, Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow respectfully requests the Commission's timely consideration of American Crossroads' Advisory Opinion Request.

Super Sincerely Yours,

Stephen Colbert
President & Maître D'
Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Inc.

Ham Rove
Chief Strategist & Lunchmeat
Americans for A Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Inc.

PS - If the commission does not see fit to grant this request fully,

Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow would like to offer a compromise. To avoid the appearance of collusion, the F.E.C. could rule that candidates can appear in Super PAC ads only against their will. They'd have to be kidnapped, blindfolded, and thrown in a van before being forced to read a statement supporting their goals and then returned to their fundraisers in time for dessert.



Greg Bernstein
<bernilla@gmail.com>
11/11/2011 11:54 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Secretary Werth,

Though inspired by Stephen Colbert to write and comment on the advisory opinion request initiated by American Crossroads, I do not in any way possess his sense of humor so I'll simply say the following:

Like so many Americans, I personally believe the huge amounts of money that now fuels American politics substantially corrupts the democratic process. It simply makes no sense to me that a very few people and corporations can have such a profound impact on national politics solely by virtue of their wealth -- that is unless one wants to live in a society governed by oligarchs. I, for one, do not. Having said this, I recognize the Supreme Court has spoken on this issue several times, including in Citizens Bank United. Though I sincerely wish those decisions were different, I understand they are the law of the land. Therefore, all I can now hope for is greater transparency and accountability in the system. The lack of transparency provided for by so-called superpacs is disturbing and clearly represents just another attempt to allow the very wealthy to influence elections without accountability. Thus, I respectfully request that, to the extent the FEC has the authority to do so, it serves to limit the power and influence of superpacs and therefore denies the American Crossroads request now pending.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Greg Bernstein



Dave Puls
<dave@freshtoonies.com>
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11/11/2011 08:53 PM

To **Secretary@FEC.gov**
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Subject **Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request (which is AOR 2011-23)**

I totally support Karl's dirty dealings.

We've got Karl's back and we'll be looking over his shoulder the whole time.

Us Super PACs have got to stick together so all of our money can guide this country's politics.

MORE POWER TO FREE SPEECH. MONEY! MONEY! MORE MONEY!

Member of the Colbert Super PAC.



Nancy
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11/11/2011 01:35 PM

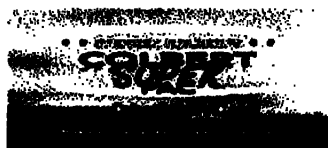
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<aberlaine9@yahoo.com>

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>

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Subject American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request



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Nancy Ray, member
Colbert Super PAC

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The day I healed was the day I was given permission to be sick. -- Monica Towers



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11/10/2011 11:57 PM

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Subject America Crossroads' Karl Rove

I cant believe how you people would let the government by the people become government bought from the people, are you trying to cause a new revolution?



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11/11/2011 03:56 PM

To **Secretary@FEC.gov**
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Subject **Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request**

American Crossroads should not be allowed to subvert the intent of the laws governing Super Pacs that are supposed to keep Pacs from making a complete farce of our election system. Pacs that are not accountable to the public, that are not required to disclose their donor and the amounts they have given, should not be allowed to produce advertisements that allow their candidate to say what they want. Candidates should be using their own campaign funds for advertising like that.

Sincerely,
Sarah Letnes



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Subject AOR 2011-23

Dear Secretary Werth,

In regards to the upcoming decision that the FEC will make about Karl Rove's request to allow Super PACs the right to coordinate with candidates with non-coordinated advertisements for issues, as supposedly opposed to campaigns, I would like to suggest that at a time when large amount of American citizens are protesting the blatantly unchecked power of the wealthy to corrupt our financial and political systems; it may not be the best governmental PR move to remove the last vestige of control over powerful groups who appear to be purchasing politicians and undermining our freedom to vote for individuals who are running based on their own ideals and principals, rather than those of a corporate entity (example me, "person") whose primary goal it is to turn a profit. Corporations primary objectives are not, the last time I checked, to create a fair and free society.

Instead, I would like to suggest that it may be time to not only deny such outright loophole creating requests as Mr. Rove's current AOR 2011-23 but also begin to take a hard look at the way our current laws stand and revise them in such a way that it discourages such entities/"people" from assuming that the FEC would even consider granting them. The ability for large, anonymous entities/"people" to funnel seemingly unlimited amounts of cash to individuals who claim to be representing the will of the American people at large is outright bribery. Furthermore, I believe that any gentleman or gentlewoman who is intelligent enough to read and understand this letter let alone the legalese the members of the FEC come into contact with every day are certainly intelligent enough to see what is right before their eyes.

I would like to submit that the only way that corporations should be allowed to be seen legally the same as an individual person by the American government is if they allowed every member of said corporation to have equal say (they could all, I don't know: vote or something) in how the corporation uses it's great wealth and power to influence the government. From the lowliest peon to the head CEO, each member who contributes their labor to the success of the organization should have equal say in how the fruits of that success are used if they want to use them to affect the operation of our government. Why? Because that's what democracy is. That is the only way an organized group of humans could claim to have the status of a single person. Each actual living person would need to be afforded those same rights. Otherwise it is a dictatorship. Where only one or a few persons are able to use the wealth and power, which only exists because of the efforts of many people, to influence our democracy and to speak for all of those people who work for their company without their input or likely, even their knowledge. I certainly could not tell you how the heads of the large, powerful corporation I work for use their funds to influence the political leaders I vote for. Undoubtedly I would not agree with all of the ways they affect their influence if I did know, which would be fine if I had the same say as anyone else in the process.

In summation, I would like to live in a country where the government imposes it's law on it's citizens and it's organizations (unless you are of a mind that an organization is a citizen, in which case, based on the will of citizens who could produce a birth certificate as opposed to an

operating license) based on the will of the citizens who vote for politicians, who are elected through a process where they must disclose the parties who contribute financially to their campaign. I would like to see those elected officials in a position to vote for what the truly believe will be the greatest good for the greatest number of their constituents. I certainly hope that it is the desire of nearly every American, including those on the board of the FEC to create and maintain the system that our founding fathers clearly intended as outlined in both our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution. Thank you for taking the time to read this statement.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kristina Warner of Minnesota



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Subject "coordinated communications"?

by all means please- explain to me what the definition of
"coordinated communications" is then if not coordinating, let alone
"fully" coordinating with candidates mr. rove?!



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Subject Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

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November 6, 2011

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11/12/2011 02:17 PM

To Secretary@fec.gov

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Subject Rove's Super PAC is a threat to democracy

Dear Madam or Mr. Secretary,

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Give the power back to the people, and not the wealthy special interests!! That these kinds of schemes are even on the table is demoralizing!

Sincerely,

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11/11/2011 03:44 PM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>
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Subject AOR 2011-23

Stop allowing corruption via political and legal jargon. Common sense! This is wrong!



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11/11/2011 11:02 PM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>
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Subject ARO 2011-23)

Hi, I am a concerned citizen who dose not have resources and reason to contact you. This particular issue (ARO 2011-23) where Mr Carl Rove is seeking to game the system is quite despicable to me. Please deny his request as it serves only his interest not public interest. I urge you to keep in mind the integrity of our political system. Thanks

Baljinder Singh



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11/11/2011 02:02 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Really, Karl Rove is funny I know you guys won;t do this

WILL YOU! WILL YOU!

Seriously, Karl must be out of his mind, or have you bought and paid for to think that SuperPac's should be able to coordinate with candidates' campaigns. SURELY you will rule correctly, but probably not.



"John Heddens"
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11/11/2011 12:57 PM

To **<Secretary@FEC.gov>**
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Subject **American crossroads**

I would like to say you shouldn't trust anything Karl ' the Killer' Rove does he is very underhanded and vile



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11/11/2011 09:13 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion
Request

Dear Secretary Werth: As a voting citizen of the United States of America, I implore you to enforce the one rule that binds Super PACs in any way. Please see through Karl Rove's Opinion Request as a desperate attempt to circumvent that one rule. I am sure you are aware of and would not allow his tomfoolery. I wanted to let my feelings be known to you. Sincerely,
Kathleen Morse



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11/11/2011 09:46 AM

To **<Secretary@FEC.gov>**
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Please do NOT approve Carl Rove's petition to allow their superpac to have candidates in their ads. This violates the intention of the law establishing superpacs and sells our elections to the highest bidder (or spender).

I would love to see true campaign reform -- publicly funded elections. The current system allows politicians to 'buy' their seats and then leaves them indebted to the lobbyists who gave them donations. Our country is supposed to be by the people for the people - not by the corporation, for the corporation. Except, I guess now a corporation is a person.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dianna Rudd



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11/11/2011 09:45 AM

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please do not let karl rove destroy our country by bypassing any MORE election fundraising rules. It is already difficult enough to have a fair race, I am concerned that if he is allowed any more leeway in in donating funds to candidates all semblance of fairness and transparency will be lost. I know i speak for a lot of Americans when i say big business has ENOUGH of an edge in the election process. Please, we are begging you, help stop this corruption.

thank you,

judy mitchell



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